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Commissioners plan forum on Tuesday

To the editor,

The Sullivan County Commissioners and Antioch New England Institute are pleased to invite you to a public forum on "A Materials Recovery Facility for Sullivan County? Weighing the Considerations" on Tuesday from 7-9 pm at the New Hampshire Community Technical College on Route 120 in Claremont (Tiered Lecture Room).

Refreshments and socializing will be from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The forum will feature Tony Barbagallo, facilities manager with the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD). Chittenden County has a successful single-stream materials recovery facility (MRF) that processes recyclables materials for towns in the county, as well as neighboring communities.

Barbagallo will give a presentation and video tour of their facility, explain how the CSWD decided to construct the MRF and talk about contractual arrangements with communities and the private sector.

This public forum is a follow-up to the presentation the Commissioners hosted in late February on Recycling-Based Waste Management Action Plan for the Communities of Sullivan County. The action plan was prepared by Antioch New England Institute in cooperation with dozens of local citizens. It is designed to help Sullivan County residents realign waste management priorities toward a recycling-based and resource conservation-based economy.

The action plan emphasizes reducing the volume and toxic-

ty of waste through recycling, waste reduction, reuse, composting, proper management of household hazardous waste, and effective management of residuals.

One of the key recommendations in the action plan is to explore the idea of constructing a new MRF for Sullivan County to process recyclable materials.

We are inviting elected officials from each Sullivan County town and city, as well as our county delegation to explore this topic together. The evening will be spent learning about some of the key questions we need to ask before we move forward with such a project. Your presence will be greatly welcomed.

Please contact Sharon Johnson-Callum at (603) 863 2560 to let us know if you will be able to attend. We look forward to seeing you in the near future.

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County Manager